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738	Secy Bd of Rev	Transmitting for his guidance copy of an Extract from the Min. Con: d 2 January 38 prescribing the course to be followed in submitting applications for grants of lands within the limits of Fort and Cantonments.-
	Do	Requiring amended returns of grants of land proposed to be given either new or in addition and in lieu of other lands now unfit to service Inamdars.
12/2	Do	Calling for report on a Petition from Joghy Coumden alias Palani Comara Coumdon Styling himself zamindar of Keelacotah in his District.
	Do	Transmitting for his further information Copy of a letter to Government regarding the distinction made by [illegible] between rice lands

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			forming the assessment [illegible] Dindigul and Calling for certain information on [the] subject.
[illegible]/2	"	Secy Bd of Rev	Directing reconsideration of the amount of Peshcu[sh] proposed for Ediacotat [Za]mbaray;
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[illegible]/3	"	do	Forwarding Resolution [of] Govert. with extract para of a letter from the Hon Court of Directors, direc[ting] that no Customary [illegible] or marks of [illegible] festivals [illegible] at any [illegible]

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Received Letters. Madura Collectors' Office.

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4 "	Secy Bd of Rev	Transmitting Copy of an Extract from the Min: Con: of the 17th instant and requesting him to procure and submit for transmission to Her Majesty's Govt. in Ceylon any information which the accounts of the Ramesweram Pagoda may afford regarding its claims to participate in the pearl Fisheries on the Coast of Ceylon.
	do	Stating that when Managers or Superintendents of Devastanams are appointed by the officers of Governt and the expenses of the institutions defrayed from funds allotted by Governt the Collector is empowered to proceed against them under Reg IX of 22 for fraud or misappropriation.
	do	Transmitting a Petition from Gopaul Reddy and ...

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Received Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Date	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			him to report the Circumstances which have induced him to set aside the decision passed formerly by him assessing the ambalom mirassy of Gopalapuram to the Petitioner.
..5	a	Secy Bd of Rev	Transmitting to him with reference to his letters of the 29th January and 20th February last a Copy of the Board's letter to Govt and of the orders thereon and desiring him to furnish the information required by Govt as regards the high rates of Charge in the instance of the new mauniums proposed to be given to certain village servants.
..eo,	a	— Do —	Transmitting a communication received from Govt having reference to the claims of persons

Date		From whom received:	Substance.
			Styling himself Joghy Commden to the Zamindary of Kilacalah and desiring him to submit any further information the records of his office may enable him to furnish on this subject in addition to that already supplied in his letter of the 20th February last
21/5	"	Secy Board of Rev	Conveying instructions in reference to his letter of the 17th April last on the subject of removal and appointment of Mirassy Nattamgars and Curnoms.
31/5	"	Do	Authorising the erection of two choultries by Bomnaloo Commden at Chuttrapatty and Sholavaubooin his Distt with a promise to recommend a grant of manium lands on their completion
4/1	"	Do	Calling for further information regarding the assessment on one or two crop land settled at the time of making the Survey

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1	Sec Bd of Rev	Extract from the Board's Procs on the Settlement of fusli 1246.
	Do	Forwarding Copy of paras 43 and 44 of a despatch from the Court of Directors on the Settlement of Madura [illegible] for fuslies 1242 and 43.
	Do	Stating in reference to Petition No 384 of 38 regarding a claim preferred for the Exclusive possession of the Nattamgar's Appanion of Hurdismagaram in Madura that the Board consider it just that the advantages derived from the office should be equally enjoyed by the two individuals through whom its duties are conducted & requesting the Pl fully to submit any obs[illegible] he may

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Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
		have to offer on this point for the disposal of the Petitioner's Case.
	Secy Bd of Rev	Confirming the revised deci[sion] of the Collector in favour of Ch[...] chocappa Reddy to the ambala[...] nirassy of the village of G[...] puram.
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117	do	Rejecting the Petition of Ka[...] No Raja Shirnagaram for [an] increased Nattamai maun[...]
	do	Forwarding Register of Pe[...] titions for May and June
17	do	Forwarding Misc. Com[...] settlement Report of fusli 12[...]

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Date.	Number.	From whom received	Substance.
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20/8	.	do	Forwarding Min: Con: of the 22^d June & of a letter from the Court of Directors advocating the employ of military pensioners as peons on a salary not exceeding the full pay of their rank.
23/8	.	do	Sanction for Rs 821-11 — subsistence for the Ex-zamindar of Chokkamp...
25/8	.	C. R. Cotton Esqr	Circular from Mr R Cotton proposing queries in reference to the Boards letter of the 30th ultimo
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15/8	"	do	Desiring him in reply to his letter of the 13th July to furnish full explanation as to the necessity for the new maunium lands proposed to be granted to certain village officers in his District and the principle on which remuneration was calculated.
20/9	"	do	Directing the carrying into effect the orders of Govmt. to assess with rice land tax all fields cultivated with Sugar Cane in Dindigul.
4/10	"	do	Forwarding Petition No. 365 of 38 with the Board's endorsement thereon rejecting the claim of the Petitioner's Share in a certain Ambu mirassy.

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
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25/10	"	C R Cotton Esqr	Circular from Mr. C R Cotton forwarding a copy of a letter addressed to the Collector of Masulipatam as an aid to prevent unnecessary trouble in replying to his queries of the 28th August last
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Number.		From whom received.	Substance.
			with existing private rights means should be taken to obviate the difficulties by Compromise &c.
7/11	"	Secy Bd of Rev	Calling for more full and explicit information respecting the reduced Peishcush proposed to be fixed on the Polliums of Ediacotai & Mambaraibefore submitting them for the orders of Govt
9/11	"	Do	Requesting him in reply to his letter of the 6° inst. to furnish the Board with a statement of the grounds of the respective decisions of Messrs Broughton & Lockhart on the claims of the office of Village Curnom referred to in Petition No 1001 of 38.
	"	Do	Authorising the succession of Ramasamy Jothel Naicken eldest son of the late proprietor to the Pollium of Tothiluaickanur

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
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29/11	"	do	Informing him that if he has the means at hand to furnish all the information called for regarding the assessment of the Estates of Ediacotai & Mambarai without further delay, the Board will be happy to receive it at once, but if he desires to visit the Pollium in Person before furnishing his report, the Board will wait till this is done
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and Correspondence with the Military Department respecting relief of Officers Commanding Treasure Escorts from their present responsibility - - - - - - - 693

December	6th	Forwarding Petitions bearing Endorsements	723
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	"	Rejecting Claim of Petitioner to the Curnomship of Chittoor Village - - - - -	727
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Read the following

Military Department

Re No. 16

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
2d January 1838

Read again Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department date the 2d February and recorded in Consultation 8th March 1836.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Departm

On the subject of remedying the inconvenience experienced in the present mode of applying for grants of land in the Provinces within Forbidden and Cantonments.

[Here enter 4 December 1837 No. 1693]

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council in reference

to

to G. O. 8th May 1812 and the in
Extract from the Minutes of
Consultation dated 6th November
1829, is pleased to direct that,
previously to submitting to Govern-
-ment applications, whether from
Europeans or Natives, for grants of
land within Fortresses or the limits
of Military Cantonments, a reference
shall be made by the Command-
-ing Officer to the Collector of the
District to ascertain how the land,
if the property of the Government,
is entered in his accounts and
what rent has hitherto been
assessed upon it - and the report
of the Collector shall accompany
the application for such land

through

through the channel prescribed by the existing rules. With respect to lands, not being the property of Government, within Fortresses and Cantonments, application should be made through the Collector and the Board of Revenue, and on the production of a Certificate from the Commanding Officer that the occupation of the land in the manner proposed is free from objection in a Military point of view.

(Signed) S. W. Steel Lt. Coll.
Secretary to Government

No. 36.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for their information and guidance

with

with reference to their Secretary's letter of the 13th November last No. 630

Fort St. George } (Signed) H. Chamier
9th January 1838 } Chief Secretary

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 22 January 1838

Ordered that a transcript of the foregoing Extract from the Minutes of Consultation prescribing the course to be followed in submitting applications for Grants of lands within the limits of Forts and Cantonments, be circulated to all Collectors for their guidance and to the Register of Government Grants -

(True Extract)

Recd 5th Febr JB

Abbott
Acting Secretary

Comp.d
J. Chambers

vide collr's letters [illegible] 29th Jany. & 20th

Revenue Department.

Re

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 8th February 1838.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 29th January 1838.

(Here enter No.)

It is observed that several of the grants of land exhibited in the statement submitted with the foregoing letter are either new or in addition to those formerly enjoyed by the service Enamdars, and not altogether, as stated, grants proposed to be given in lieu of other lands now unfit for cultivation. Mr. Blackburne will be pleased accordingly to furnish amended returns

prepared

prepared in accordance with the
instructions conveyed in the Board's
proceedings of the 20th March 1837, for
their consideration and disposal.—

(A true Extract)

Recd 14 Feby /38

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Acting Secy

Forwd [illegible]

Answered
20th Feb.

(18) Revenue Department

To the Principal Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed to transmit to

No. 101 of 1838. you the accompanying petition from Joghy Caunden, alias Palany Coomara Caunden, calling himself Zemindar of Keelacottah in your District.

2. The Board request that you will, with reference to the Endorsement of the Acting Principal Collector dated 28th August 1833 on Petition No. 113 of 1832, report at your earliest convenience on the subject of this petition.

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
12th February 1838.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

J. Holt
Acting Secy.

Desp. 13 Do.
Recd. 16th Do.
Compd. S. Lambert

Revenue Department

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To the Principal Collector of

Madura

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 8th December last, and for your further information to transmit to you the accompanying Copy of a letter addressed to Government under date the 14th August last.

2 You will observe that in Para 5 of this letter the Board pointed out the distinction made by Mr. Hurdis between rice lands and lands cultivated with sugar cane in forming the assessment of

of Dindigul.—

3. The Board request that you will submit a fresh statement for the two Villages mentioned in the statement which accompanied your letter under reply distinguishing the rates which were fixed with reference to the capability of the lands to yield two Crops and one Crop respectively; and that you will state whether Sugar Cane is grown upon lands which were assessed at the survey at lower rates as capable of yielding one crop only. It is presumed that if Sugar Cane is grown upon such land it takes more water than a single Crop of Rice and it would seem that it should be

be taxed accordingly with an additional rate, the whole assessment being however confined to the amount of assessment of 2 crop rice land of the same quality and requiring equal irrigation. You will be pleased to shew what would be the effect of applying ½ the present assessment for one crop, in addition, when the land so assessed at the survey is cultivated with Sugar Cane by irrigation from public sources, compared with the rates fixed upon land, assessed at the survey for 2 crops.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedient servant

H. Nolan[?]

Acting Secy.

[R]evenue Bd. Office,
[For]t St. George,
[?] February 1838.
17th Dd
Recd 20th JB

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(217) Revenue Department

No. 439.

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 27th Ultimo in which the attention of the Board is directed to certain points on which the information submitted in my letter of the 12th Ultimo is considered to be vague and indefinite, and they are desired to give the subject farther consideration with reference to the observations of the Governor in Council.

2. The Board observe that exception

exception is taken to the statement made in the 3d Para of my letter, or rather to a part of that statement. The Board must confess that there is a want of precision in the passage cited, but they thought that their meaning was made sufficiently clear by the context in which it was distinctly stated that "the assessment of lands appropriated to the growth of Sugar Cane is precisely on the principle prescribed by the Honble Court of Directors, as expressed in the preceding Para, vizt, that "such lands should be subject to the same assessment as land of the same quality and advantages under ordinary crops."-

3. The Board understood the question put to them to be whether

land

land cultivated with sugar Cane is
subject to a special assessment exceed-
-ing that to which it would be subject
if bearing an ordinary crop - and they
meant to say speaking generally, that
it is not so in the Districts where a
regular field assessment has been
made - that Sugar Cane is usually
grown on lands distinguished in the
revenue accounts as "wet" or irrigated,
that is Paddy or Rice lands, (Nunjah)
and assessed at a fixed rate common
to all land of the same Class, which
rate is levied indifferently whether
the produce be sugar or Rice; but that
as rice lands assessed originally as
producing only one crop, are subject
to

to an Extra assessment when a Second
Crop is raised by means of an additional
supply of water from public sources,
so also such land when it is employed
in the Cultivation of Sugar Cane, which
requires constant irrigation, is for that
reason charged with the same Extra
assessment as for the 2^d. Crop of Rice -
4. It is observed however
in the Minutes of Consultation that
it seems "more probable that the land
was assessed with a direct reference
to what it usually produced, if the
ordinary produce was Sugar or Rice,
the value of the Government share
of the Commodities was converted
into money at the average market
price

price and the Assessment fixed accordingly

5 The Board submit that this was not the rule of the first survey by Read and his Assistants Macleod Graham and Munro in the Salem and Baramahl Districts. It appears distinctly from a letter from Read to Macleod that the former had directed the assessment of lands used for the cultivation of sugar cane, Betel, plantains &ca to be fixed not with reference to the value of those species of produce but according to their capability as Paddy lands which had been complied with in the Centre and Northern Divisions, and Macleod answered that he had

[margin:] ..th March 1798.

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had done the same in his division having "assessed such temporary or productions at only the rates of the best Paddy field land in the same situation." The same rule was follow-ed by Colonel Munro in the survey of the Ceded Districts, and in his report upon that survey he parti-cularly noticed the abolition of the Extra tax to which sugar cane had before been subjected. In the rules for the survey of North Arcot also there is an express order to follow the same principle in the assessment of land producing sugar cane. And upon reference to the accounts shewing the classification and the

assessment

assessment of the other surveyed Districts generally, it does not appear that in any but Dindigul were the lands producing Sugar cane classed and separately from the rice lands, and at higher rates with a direct reference to the value of that particular produce. Mr. Hurdis who formed the assessment of Dindigul appears also to have made this distinction, but this exception from the general rule has not been approved, and in the last revision of the Dindigul assessment it was intended to remedy it.—

6. In the more recent surveys the Government are aware

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the rules and principles of the survey of the Ceded Districts have been prescrib=ed for general guidance –

7. It is observed in the Minutes of Consultation that the real reason for imposing the additional Assessment upon Sugar cane Cultivation would seem not to have reference to a supply of Water being required for its irrigation throughout the year but to the greater value of the crop compared with a crop of rice. And the assess=ment is spoken of as "much higher than that levied upon land yielding only grain" – But in reality except in Dindigul the assessment levied upon land producing Sugar cane is

is exactly the same as is levied upon it when it produces grain. If the land is assessed distinctly for "two crops," or if the tax is "consolidated and paid whether the Ryot crops once or twice" no extra assessment is charged upon the cultivation of sugar cane. An extra assessment is charged only when the fixed assessment on the land was calculated at the survey with reference to the value of a single crop of rice. As by the rules an extra assessment is charged upon such land when it is made to produce a second crop of rice by means of water from a public tank or other public source of supply, so also the same additional assessment

is

is charged when instead of two crops of rice it is made to produce a crop of Sugar cane by the same irrigation. A crop of Sugar cane cannot be grown on such land unless by irrigation which would be sufficient for 2 crops of rice, and it is reasonable when the land is employed in the former culture instead of the latter, it should pay the same, and no more can be demanded. As no Extra Assessment is charged when a 2d crop of rice is raised upon "one crop" land by water from a private Well so neither is there an Extra charge upon that land when it is cultivated with sugar cane by the same irrigation. The reason for

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the additional assessment in the only case in which it is charged, appears therefore to be as stated by the Board.

8. It is said that there seems to be no reason why land culti=vated with sugar cane should be taxed in the same manner as land cultivated with rice as recommended by the Board of Revenue. In this recommendation the Board only pro=posed to follow out the principle which had been acted upon in the early surveys and especially in that which has been prescribed as a model a principle approved and sanctioned by the Court of Directors and pointed out by the Governor General in Council

as the most proper to be adopted generally.
The object at present is to encourage
the growth of sugar cane in order that
advantage may be taken of the
expected opening of the British
markets to East India sugar, a measure
likely to be extremely beneficial to
both the agriculture and commerce
of this Country. The agriculturists
will be benefitted generally, not only
those who employ their lands in the
cultivation of sugar instead of
rice by the greater value of the produce,
for which a new market will be
opened, but those also who continue
to cultivate rice and other articles
of food by the enhancement of
price

price from the supply being diminished while the demand remains the same. The revenue from the land will thus be more secure the means for paying it being more ample - and there will be an additional revenue from Customs on the sugar. The effect will be the same on every application of land before employed in raising food for which the demand is naturally limited to the culture of a more valuable article for which a new market has opened - It seems to be the soundest policy therefore not to raise the tax upon land cultivated with sugar cane and other rich products of a value sufficient to bear the charge of transport

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to distant and foreign markets beyond what is charged upon it when it bears the ordinary crop of rice &ca.-

Revenue B. Office,
Fort St. George,
14th August 1837.

(Signed) P. B. Smollett
Acting Secy

(A true Copy)

Recd 26th Febry 1838 JB

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Acting Secy.

Compd. [illegible]

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 19th February 1838.

5th Novr 1837 — Read again letter from the Principal Collector of Madura, submitting his opinion as to the extent to which the Peshcush on the Ediacottah Estate should be reduced to enable the Zemindar to resume its management.

1st Novr 1837 — Read again also, a letter from the Principal Collector of Madura submitting a similar report, relative to the Estate of Maunbaroy in his District.

Here Enter

Para 1. The present Peshcush on the Ediacottah Estate is Rs 9,782-3-7 originally fixed as 2/3rds of the revenue of

the Estate calculated according to the Teerwa
fixed by Mr Hurdis on the land in cultivation at the time of his survey. Mr Blackburne proposes to reduce it to Rupees 7,000. From a statement submitted by him it appears that for 14 years during which, at different periods, the Estate has been under charge of the Principal Collector, the average Gross Collections amounted to 8,650-3-9, and that for 23 years during which, at different periods, the Zemindar himself managed it, the average Gross Collections amounted to 8,783-..-6. The Principal Collector assumes that it is proper to make a deduction of 5 per Cent on account of Sibbundy Charges and 10 per Cent as a fair profit to the Poligar. If a deduction in this

Para 2 of letter fr Pl Collr of Madura dated 20th April 18

proportion

proportion, be accordingly made from the two averages of Collections above stated, the remainder in both instances will exceed the amount of Peshcush proposed by Mr Blackburne, being in the former case Rupees 7,357-12-9, and in the latter 7,465 9-3. The average of the whole 37 years after making this deduction is shewn

7491 Rs to be 7,424-12-10, which is very little short

from Pl. Coll. of Madura 20th April 1833. of the Peshcush proposed by Mr Viveash at which the Zemindar engaged to resume his Estate.

2 Under these circumstances it appears to the Board unnecessary to make so great reduction permanently as is proposed by Mr Blackburne, and they resolve to request him to consider

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with reference to the above observations whether there is any objection to fix the Peshcush permanently at Rupees 7491-4-10, the amount suggested by Mr. Vivash and agreed to formerly by the Zemindar, allowing him to pay the smaller amount proposed by Mr. Blackburne for a limited period to give time for the Estate to recover from the state of depression into which it has apparently fallen.

3. The present Peshcush on the Maumbaray Estate is Rupees 2254-6-". That at which the Zemindar consents to resume the Estate, and which is recommended for adoption by Mr. Blackburne, amounts to Rs 1500- From a statement furnished with the letter of the Principal Collector it appears

that

that the average annual Gross Collections from the Estate during 30 years, when under the management of the Zemindar was No 2239-8-7-, and the average for 5 years since its assumption on the part of the Government Rupees 1290-6-" The years included in the latter period it must be observed have most of them been extremely unfavorable. The average for the whole period of 35 years is 2103-15-1- Deducting 15 per Cent, for profit to the Zemindar and Sibbundy charges, from each of the above sums, there remain 1903-9-3- 1096-13-1 and 1788-5-8 respectively. There seems to be no reason therefore, for fixing the Peshcush so low as 1500 Rupees, and the Board ... resolve to call upon the Principal Collector

Collector, as in the case of Chicacottah, to reconsider his opinion, and to state after further deliberation the amount at which he deems it reasonable to fix the Peshcush permanently, and whether it appears to him necessary to receive a smaller amount for a given time, and, if so, the amount and period he would suggest.

Recd. 25th JB (A true Extract)

A. Cole
Acting Secretary

Compd. [signature]

Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 5th March 1838. —

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 20th February 1838.

(Here Enter No. 20)

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petition No. 101 of 1838 returned with the foregoing letter. —

Endorsement

The Board of Revenue having referred to the Principal Collector of Madura resolve under the circumstances reported in his letter

of the 20th February to decline to entertain Petitioner's claims to the Pollum of Keelakotay, the present Poligar having succeeded to the Pollum in 1831 on the death of his father, and his right thereto having been duly established to the satisfaction of the local Officer.—

(A true Extract)

Recd 11 March 1838 JB

H. Chamier(?)
Acting Secretary.—

Compd. Sub[illegible]

Cons. Sick & Cron on Circuit 16-3-89

No. 326

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 26th February 1838.

Para 2. Ordered that a copy of the Honorable Court's Dispatch and of this Resolution be furnished to the several Departments of the Secretariat, and that a copy of Parah 8 of the Honorable Court's letter be transmitted to the Sudr and Foujdaree Udalut and Board of Revenue for communication to the Officers subordinate to them respectively.

Extract from a Revenue Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors

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Directors to the Governor General of India in Council - dated 18th October 1837 - No 14.

Para 8 "We now desire that no customary salutes or marks of respect to Native festivals be discontinued at any of the Presidencies, that no protection hitherto given be withdrawn, and that no change whatever be made in any matter relating to the Native religion except under the authority of the Supreme Government" -

(True Extracts)

(Signed) H. Chamier

Chief Secretary.

Extract -

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 8th March 1838

Ordered that a transcript of the foregoing Resolution with extract Parah 8 of the letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors of the 18th October last be furnished by Circular to all Collectors for their information and guidance.

(True Extract)

A. Clark
Acting Secretary

Recd 14 March JB

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Revenue Department

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To

The Collector of

Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Circular orders dated 13th July 1826, to transmit for your information, an Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of January last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. D. Parker

Ac Dy Secretary.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St George,
12 March 1838

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Recd 25 JM

Madura.

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of January 1838.

No.	Names of the Petitioners	Purport of the Petitions.	Orders of the Board
838	From Moottalagherry, a Meerassy Curnum of Nauganepully Village, subject to the Talook of Mellore in the Zillah of Madura.	Complains of having been removed without just cause from his situation of Curnum.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to report upon the subject of this Petition with reference to his endorsement of the 14th April 1836. 18th January 1838.
	From Ramanada Pillay and Solamalaya Pillay hereditary Curnums of Toroomkoor Pagoda in the Zillah of Madura.	Complain of the resumption of a portion of the Meerassy.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to explain to the Petitioners the orders of Government on the subject of their complaint under date the 25th October 1836. 29th January 1838.

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From Moottoolingummall and Yerra Ammall the daughters of the late Moottooveeruppah Laickey Naick a Zemindar of Comaravaudy in the Zillah of Madura.	Pray for the continuation of a family pension:	The Principal Collector of Madura is requested to report upon the subject of this Petition submitting his opinion upon the expediency of continuing the pension or a portion of it to the family of the late holder.

29 January 1838

(True Extract)

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Asst Dy Secretary

R. 25 March [illegible]

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Revenue Department

To,

The Principal Collector of

Madura.

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you the annexed Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 17th April, having reference to the claims of the Ramaswaram Pagoda to participate in the Pearl Fisheries on the Coast of Ceylon -

2. It is requested that you will be pleased to procure from the authorities of the Pagoda

any

any information which the accounts of that institution afford on the Points adverted to in the Colonial Secretary's Memorandum for submission to Her Majesty's Government in Ceylon.

Rev. Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
26. April 1838.
Desp. 30 Do.
Recd. 4th May 38

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

[signature]
Acting Secretary.

Extract.

Comp. Lechambert.

Revenue Department.

No. 574.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 17th April 1838.

Read the following letters from the Colonial Secretary at Colombo.

[Requesting to be furnished with copies of the instructions of this Government to Mr. Anbrews on the subject of the claim of certain Jagadars to participate in the Pearl Fisheries.] (Here enter 24th March 1838)

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed to transmit the copy of a memorandum of information required relative to the claims

claims of certain Temples to participate
in the Pearl Fisheries, and to request
that the Right Honourable the
Governor in Council will be good
enough to give directions for the
inquiry suggested being made.

Colonial Secy's Office } (Sig.d) P. Anstruther
Colombo, March 28th 1838 } Colonial Secy.

Memorandum

The Ramaswaram Pagoda
people say in their complaint, dated
June 2nd 1828 - "Although the oldest
"accounts of the Pagoda had been
"destroyed by time and age, still
"the accounts for the last 100 -
"years are in the Pagoda, to -
"prove the privilege which the
"church had enjoyed, and likewise
the

"the various documents and Certificat[es]
"hereunder mentioned, granted by
"the several Gentlemen who superin-
-tended the fishery at Manar in
"the different periods from the
"year 1796 to 1814, will also establish
"the right of the Pagoda" &c &c.

The "documents and Cer-
-tificates," above alluded to are
annexed to the Complaints or
at least certified copies of them.
but I think it necessary that they
should produce "the accounts for
the last 100 years," which they say
are in the Pagoda. If these signi-
-fy their own private accounts, they
should be asked if they have
any "Certificates and documents"

signed

signed by any Dutch and Portuguese
Superintendents of the Fishery of a
nature similar to those now produc=
=ed and signed by English Superintendents -

(A true Copy)

(Signed) P. Anstruther -

Colonial Secy -

Resolved that copies
of the papers referred to in the
first of the above communica=
=tions be furnished to the Govern=
=ment of Ceylon, and that the
second communication be trans=
=mitted to the Board of Revenue
in view to the enquiry referred
to in the Memorandum which
accompanied it being duly made

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and reported upon

(A true Extract)

(Signed) H. Chamier

Chief Secretary

(True Copy)

[signature]

Acting Secretary

Recd 4th May 1838

Comp. Leshambert

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 26th April 1838.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 14th April 1838.

Here enter No 1.

If the managers or Superintendents of the Devasta=nums referred to by the Principal Collector be appointed with the authority and concurrence of the Officers of Government, or if their Salaries and the ex=pences of the Institutions they Superintend be defrayed from

funds

funds allotted by Government for
their Endowment, the Principal
Collector is of course empowered to
proceed against them under Regu=
lation 9 of 1822, for fraud or mis=
appropriation - But if, on the other
hand, the Devastanums be managed,
and the Servants employed therein
be exclusively appointed by the
Zemindars and proprietors within
whose Estates the Institutions &
are situated, in that case it
would not seem to the Board
that the managers or Super=
intendents can properly be
made amenable to the sum=
mary jurisdiction with which
the Revenue authorities are

vested

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vested by that Regulation.—

(A true Extract)

A. Lolit

Acting Secretary.—

Recd 6th May JB

Desp'd 3d May 1838—
Comp'd Jno. Lambert

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Revenue Department

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To

The Principal Collector of

Madura.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you

366 of 1838. a Petition from Gopaul Reddy on the subject of his claims to the Ambalem Meerassy of Gopalapooram.

The orders passed by you on this subject on 27th February 1837 awarding the above office to the Petitioner and 6 others, having, after reconsideration, been affirmed by you on the 26th June of the same year, the Board upon a reference

being

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being made to them by one of the parties, Chockapa reddy, claiming the exclusive right to the office; passed an order on 10th August 1837 declining to disturb the arrangement which you had made, under a conviction that the subject had received the fullest consideration from you in all its bearings.—

3 They now observe from the papers herewith transmitted, that by a subsequent order passed by you on 19th January 1838, you have altogether set aside your former decision, and recognized the undivided right of Chockapah reddy to the ambalam meerassy. If upon information

subsequently

subsequently obtained you saw reason so entirely to change the opinion you had originally formed, it would have been but in accordance with Official usage that you should have made the Board acquainted with the Grounds of such change, and they desire that you will now report in detail the particular circumstances that have come to your knowledge, & which have induced you now to pass a decision so directly at variance with that first recorded by you. –

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
30th April, 1838.
Desp. 2nd May Do.
Recd 5th Do.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient Servant

I think this is
T. V. Smollett

A. Habb[illegible]
Asst. Secretary

Compd. [illegible]

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being made to them by one of the parties, Chockapa reddy, claiming the exclusive right to the office, passed an order on 10th August 1837 declining to disturb the arrangement which you had made, under a conviction that the subject had received the fullest consideration from you in all its bearings.—

3 They now observe from the papers herewith transmitted, that by a subsequent order passed by you on 19th January 1838, you have altogether set aside your former decision and recognized the undivided right of Chockapah reddy to the ambalem meerassy. If upon information

subsequently

subsequently obtained you saw reason so entirely to change the opinion you had originally formed, it would have been but in accordance with Official usage that you should have made the Board acquainted with the grounds of such change, and they desire that you will now report in detail the particular circumstances that have come to your knowledge, & which have induced you now to pass a decision so directly at variance with that first recorded by you.—

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
30th April, 1838.
Desp. 2nd May Do.
Recd 5th Do.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient Servant

I think this is
J. V. Smollett

A. Webb
A. Secretary

Comp. Lchambert

Revenue Department.

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No. 120

To the Chief Secretary to
Government.

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request you will lay before Government the accompanying application from Mr. Blackburne Principal Collector of Madura for authority to grant portions of waste land to Village Officers in exchange for service Maniums become unprofitable and in some few instances for entirely new grants to Village authorities not now in possession of Manium lands—

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lands.—

2 The details of these proposed grants are exhibited in statements Nos 1 and 2 which accompany the Principal Collector's letter. The total extent of land to be given is C. 107-13¾, the survey Assessment on which is Rupees 183-4-1.—

3 Government under date the 30th October last were pleased to sanction a similar proposition in the Madura District, and authority for the present arrangement is now requested many of the grants being recommended as very necessary.—

Revenue Bd Office,
Fort St George,
1st March, 1838.

(Signed) P. B. Smollet[t]
Acting Se[cretary]
Extrac[t]

No. 457

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 19th March 1838.-

Read the following letter from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

(Here Enter 1st March 1838 No. 120)

Para 1. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes grants of land to the extent recommended by the Principal Collector of Madura in exchange for the service lands of the Village Officers in that District which are reported to have become unprofitable, amounting as per statement No 1 received with that

Officer's

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Officer's letter to Cawnies 23 - 3/4 - assessed at Rupees (64-13-9) sixty four Annas thirteen and pice nine.

2. In regard to the new occupancies which it is observed comprize the greater portion of the total extent recommended to be granted, His Lordship in Council is not aware of the reasons that induced the Principal Collector to propose grants so much exceeding in extent those which would seem from Statement No. 1 to be usual in other parts of the District and without further information on the subject as to the principle upon which they have been calculated he must

must decline sanctioning them, His Lordship in Council considers the present a proper opportunity for expressing his dislike generally to make new grants where from the usages of the District they have not been hitherto allowed; neither does he approve of frequent exchanges in existing Manioms, a practice that is not permitted in other Districts, and although it has been introduced in Madura, he must decline in future sanctioning any exchanges, unless they are urgently called for, and the necessity for them is clearly shewn by the local officer -

(A true Extract)

(Signed) H. J. Chamier
Chief Secy

Extract

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(A true Extract)

(Signed) H J Chamier

Chief Secy

Extract

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 10th May 1838.-

Ordered that a Copy of the letter to the Chief Secretary to Government under date the 1st March with transcript of the foregoing Extract from the Minutes of Consultation thereon be forwarded to the Principal Collector of Madura with reference to his letters of the 29th January and 20th February last.-

Mr Blackburne will be pleased to furnish the information required by Government as regards the high centage of charge in the instance of the new Maniums proposed to be given, in comparison

with

with the average rates prevailing
throughout the district. He will
also explain what are the parti-
-cular duties of the Village servant
entitled "Mantharay," to whom it
has been proposed to assign certain
maniems in the Sandyoor Village
of the Nellacotta Talook.

(A true Extract)

Recd 15th May J.B.

A. Sekt
Acting Secy.

Desp. 12th May 1838
Comp. Ixhamberk

Answered 31st May 49

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Revenue Department

To

The Principal Collector of

Madura

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed to transmit to you copy of a communication received from Government under date the 1st Instant having reference to the claims of a person styling himself Jogy Gounder to the Zemindary of Keelcottah brought to notice in your letter to the Board of the 20th February last. The original papers adverted to by Government are likewise forwarded by this opportunity.

2 The Board request you

will

will submit any farther information the Records of your Office may en=able you to furnish on the right and title of the present holder of the Estate, in addition to that already supplied in the letter quoted in the preceding parah, your attention is also particularly directed to the alterations and mutilations of the permanent Sunnud which forms one of the enclosures of the Petitioner's address.-

Revd Bd Office,
Fort St George,
10th May 1838
Despd 15th D.
Recd 18th JB

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt

A. Ralt
Acting Secretary

Comr. Ischambert

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Fort St George, 1st May 1838

No 56

Gentlemen,

Revenue Departt Para 1 — I am directed to trans-
:mit for your consideration and report
the accompanying Petition from Iyy
Gounden (No 204 of 1838) claiming the
Zemindary of Keelacottah in the Madura
District, and to direct your particular
attention to the Permanent Sunnud
accompanying it, which bears evident
marks of having been altered and
falsified. You will observe that the
amount of the assessment in figures
does not correspond with that in words
that

To
The President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue

that no District is mentioned, that there are marks of erasures in various places; and that the Seal has been taken from some other document and attached to this, as is apparent from the Knot which connects it with the Parchment and which in a perfect instrument is always secured within the Sealing wax.-

2 The Right Honorable the Governor in Council considers that the subject of this Zemindary, both as regards the right of the actual holder and the Petitioner's claim, requires to be thoroughly sifted and accordingly desires that you will direct the Princi=pal Collector to call upon the

party

party in possession of the property either to produce the Original Sunnud or to account for its absence. It will also be necessary that he should institute a strict enquiry into the origin and present suspicious appearance of the Sunnud herewith transmitted, and ascertain the cause of the alterations and defects above notice, the parties by whom the former were made and the manner in which the instrument came into the Petitioners possession.—

3 In conducting the enquiry the succession to the Zemindary should be traced from the person who is stated to have died in 1798 to the present period. The Treasury Receipts as

also

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also every other document connected with the case and relied upon by the Petitioner should be called for and the records of the Cutcherry should be searched with a view to the verifi-cation of the allegations of the Petitioner respecting the complaints preferred by him against the Head Sheristadar relative to lands in this Zemindary.

(Signed) H. Chamier
Chief Secretary

Rec^d 10th May M

(True Copy)

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Acting Secretary

Comp^d - [illegible]

Copy sent to Acct Genl — 52 — 101

Revenue Department

To

The Principal Collector of

Madura

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Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th Ultimo with Copy and translates of the order passed by your Predecessor Mr. Viveash in the case of the Petitioner in No 3 of 1838.—

2 Adverting to your letter of the 21st April 1834 I am now directed to observe that the hereditary right of the Tyenb or Meerasi Nattaumgar and Curnums should always be respected, the Board think as a general rule, and even in cases of proved misconduct they are averse to the entire

alienation

alienation of the rights of the family by the transfer of the hereditary duties to a stranger. Instances will doubtless occur when the extreme punishment of alienation of the Meerasi from the family may be required, and the hereditary rights forfeited will then become the property of the new-comer; but this will be the exception to the general rule which points to the next relative, if duly qualified for the office, as successor to the Tyonl Meerasidar removed.

3 In Madura where it would seem it was formerly the practice to remove the hereditary holders of Village Offices at the caprice of the native local Officer, the Board think that as vacancies occur opportunities should be taken to replace the former families, when these are competent. This, it is believed, has been

already

already done to a considerable extent, and the principle should be followed in future with a due regard to the circumstances of each case.—

4 The Board generally approve of the principles under which you have acted since 1834 in these matters, and are satisfied to leave the case of the Petitioner to your discretion.—

Revenue Bd Office, Fort St George, 21st May, 1838.
Desp 26th Do
Recd 29th J.B.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,

A Cole(?)
Acting Secretary.

Comp Lelumbert(?)

Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 31st May 1838.-

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 20th May 1838.-

(Here enter No. 52)

Altho' one of the two Choultries proposed to be erected by Bommaloo Cownden at Chettrupatty and Sholaramboo is not strictly entitled to a grant of Maunium land for it's support, under the Rules for regulating the issue of such grants sanctioned by Government under date the 11th August 1829, the Board of Revenue with reference to the strongly expressed opinion

of

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of the Principal Collector of their
utility and convenience and also of
the unexceptionable nature of the
buildings in point of size and dura-
bility, are prepared to sanction their
erection, and will recommend to Go-
vernment the grant of Maunium land
to the usual extent for their support,
when the buildings shall have been
reported complete. —

(A true Extract)

A. Lelah
Acting Secretary. —

Recd 15th June [illegible]

Desp 7 June 1838.
Comp.
[illegible]

Revenue Department

To
The Principal Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Para 1 Referring to the Statement B alluded to in Para 5 of your letter dated 19th March last exhibiting the Sugar cane Culture &c throughout Dindigul in the current Fusly and shewing the case as it now exists as well as what it would be if the Land was sown with Paddy and what it would be under the system of adding a moiety to the Paddy Rates, the

Board

Board consider it requisite that you should report in what manner the assessment on the lands embraced in the Statement referred to was settled at the time of making the Survey whether with single crop, or double crop teerwa, specifying the quantity of Land under each method.—

2\. In Para 2 of the same letter it is stated that Mr. Hurdis at the time of the Survey estimated the Peshanum or early produce in the ratio of 80 Per Cent to that of the Coodaie, or Midsummer Crop; and as the Board know no reason why these proportions should be departed

from

from, you are requested, with reference to the 309 Fields reported to have been cultivated with Sugar Cane in the Current Fusly, to prepare and submit a Statement shewing which of these Fields were assessed at the time of the Survey with one Crop, and which with two Crop teerwa, adding to the former the enhanced assessment for the second Crop, or what is equivalent, a moiety of the original assessment on the principles laid down by Mr. Hurdis.

Revenue Bd Office,
Fort St George,
June 1838 –
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

A. I. Secretary

Compd. [illegible]

Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 21st June 1838.

1st August 1839.

Para 1.- The Board proceed to take into consideration the report of the Principal Collector of Madura on the settlement of 1246 Fusly.

Season Paras 3 - 5.

2 The season of that year seems to have been particularly unfavorable - tho' promising fairly at the commencement, it was followed by such a continued and total drought that the greater part of the wet cultivation utterly perished, a portion only being rescued by the individual industry and exertions of the Ryots in irrigating from wells sunk for the occasion and

appropriating

appropriating such accidental supplies as came within their reach. In Dindigul the want of rain was even more severely felt than in Madura. Fortunately how:ever such unseasonable weather was unac:companied by sickness or epidemic dis:ease of any kind, tho' the poorer classes were exposed to severe privations and re:duced to eke out their subsistence with the fruit of the Banian and Tamarind Trees and with Cotton seed. The greatest benefit however was experienced from the timely assistance afforded by the employ:ment of the most indigent in the exe:cution of public works. The Cattle suf:fered to a greater degree from the scar:city and dearness of fodder. They were sustained for some time on leaves of Trees and on the thatch of Houses

unroofed

unroofed to feed them, but nevertheless great numbers died, particularly during a storm of wind and rain that occurred in May.

...2 Mode of [con]ducting the [se]ttlement.

13 Mr Blackburne commenced the inspection of the Crops in January, but the actual business of the settlement did not begin till the 1st April. The Curnums were then assembled at Madura for the preparation of the Accounts and Puttahs which were completed by many in a month and by all in six weeks. He then proceeded into the Districts and distributed the Puttahs in person at different places in each Talook, so selected that no Ryot was detained from his home more than six hours - which process occupied five weeks longer, the whole being finished by the 20 June. The marked consideration

for

for the convenience of the Ryots evinced by Mr Blackburne in the above arrangements is most praiseworthy. It may however be doubted whether they were attended with equal advantage to their interests. The short time that each individual was absent from his place of residence seems almost incompatible with the great object of a Ryotwar settlement, that of making each holder thoroughly acquainted with the terms of the agreement entered into between himself and the Government. For this purpose it is absolutely necessary that the accounts of the Village, particularly the items of Increase and Decrease, should be gone over with the Ryots themselves in their own language, so that any one may rectify or object if he

pleases

pleases - and it is equally requisite in the distribution of the Puttahs that each individual should perfectly understand the liabilities he incurs in receiving his own Puttah and executing the counter engagement (Moochilka) - The Board are desirous of knowing whether the settlement was made on detailed or on Abstract accounts (Gosh-war) and request Mr Blackburne will have the goodness to furnish a set of the Jummaa accounts for one Village in Hundir, together with a Ryot's Puttah of the same village. It is desirable that these documents should always accompany the accounts of the settlement selecting a different Village each year —

As

4 It might be an-
ticipated from the circum-
stances detailed in the 2nd
Para the land revenue of the
year under review falls much short of that
of the preceding Fusly. The actual decrease
is 286907-14-1 or 27.7 per Cent on the settlement of 1245 Fusly with
Calculations were adopted as objects of comparison
the average settlements from 1241 to 1245
and those of 1233 and 1241 the two worst
seasons on record. The result shews a
falling off of 8.187 per cent as compared with
the first, but a gain of 5.177 and 2.156 per cent
in comparison with the two latter.

5 It must not be forgotten
in noticing the very unfavorable com-
parison of the year under review with
the preceding one that the latter yielded
the highest revenue of any under the
Company's

Settlement. Para 6

	1245.	1246.
Total Land Revenue	1750791-12-4	1463883-14-
of which		
Ryotwar	1035485-3-6	748577-5-

Company's Government, tho' the season was by no means free from complaints of want of rain - and it is believed that other causes besides the abundant or defective supply of water contributed to enhance the disparity between them.

In their Proceedings on the settlement of Fusly 1245 the Board remarked upon the great apparent increase of Ryots shewn in the accounts of that year which was subsequently explained by the Principal Collector to have arisen partly from the improvement of season inducing artificers to enter upon agricultural pursuits, from the return of emigrants and from Puttahs having been given to all independent holders formerly included with others and partly as regards non resident cultivators

21st Octr 1836.

23d Novr 1836.

from

rom the influx of strangers from Poo-
dooccottah Sheragunga and Tinnevelly
in consequence of the
the entirely favorable
circumstances of the
season in Madura.
the latter cause
appears to have
operated extensively
and it is probable
that many of the emigrants at the end
of the Fusly returned to their own Countries
and thus diminished the amount of the
cultivation in the ensuing year - † This
supposition appears to be confirmed
by a reference to the accounts of the
cultivation, - for the commencement of
the season was most promising and
with the exception of a small amount

of

Fusly	Nunjah	Poonjah	Garden	Total
	Cawnies	Cawnies	Cawnies	Cawni[es]
1241	58184	226086	9786	29406[…]
1242	64531	255574	10249	33035[…]
1243	66807	255002	11235	33204[…]
1244	68793	282428	11023	30224[…]
1245	74107	360718	11,301	39612[…]
1246	57689	271877	10671	34023[…]

† See two reports in Jummabundy Statement No. 6 on Col. 84-85-90-91.

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Uncultivate[d]
...les – 2132 – 6 – 4

of Cowle land, there is not a single deduc:tion for fields left unsown, but only for Shavee, so that it may fairly be presum[ed] the whole of the land taken up was actually brought under cultivation. In Dindigul too which more immediately borders on the district from which emigra:tion took place the decrease of cul:tivation is found to

	Madura		Dindigul	
	Nunjah	Poonjah	Nunjah	Poonjah
	Cawnies	Cawnies	Cawnies	Cawnies
1245	47,641	127,455	26,466	183,262
1246	40,628	123,808	17,061	148,069

be much greater than in Madura. It is true the Sub Collector has shewn a great increase of population in Dindigul, but Mr Blackburne explains that this is only apparent from the more accurate re:turns that have been prepared.—

...Collr. Report

...emissions
...as7 – 8.

6 The two great items of decrease compared with the preceding year are the diminished

diminished cultivation just adverted to, and the remissions for withered Crops. These amount to Rupees 135495-2-6 of which 2768-—11 are for Poonjah in Dindigul only. The accounts of the Shavy seem to have been prepared with much care, but the manner in which the remission was apportioned upon it is not ascertained. From the remark attached to Tirumalbundy Statement No 7. 8. it would appear that the whole of the assessment of the Nunjah Shavy lands was remitted in every instance, except where the Ryot happened to have Poonjah and Garden land in addition, in which case, the remission was confined to 10 per Cent of the Nunjah only.—And the following passage of the Sub Collector's report seems to confirm the view in which

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which he states that "the remission within 10 per Cent was not granted to such parties as appeared to have Nunjah Poonjah and Garden fields considering that they might get a profit from some portion of the cultivation, but the full remission was granted to those who cultivated the Nunjah and Poonjah and enjoyed the scanty produce of the latter only."

7 Altho the features of the supply of water is stated to have been much greater in Dindigul than in Madura the proportion of remission appears to be much smaller in the former than in the latter. This is apparent from the two accompanying Statements shewing

	Madura	Dindigul	Total
	Rs	Rs	Rs
Nunjah Cultivation	237,206	148,199	385,405
Shewing Remissions	96,160 or 40 per Cent	29,566 or 19 per Cent	125,727 or 32 per Cent
Total Cultivation of Nunjah Poonjah Garden	505,457	488,387	993,814
Remissions including Poonjah in Dindigul	96,160 or 19 per Cent	39,334 or 8 per Cent	135,494 or 13 per Cent

shewing the proportion allowed on wet lands only and on both wet and dry with reference to the special indulgence granted to the Sub-Division, and would lead to the inference that a greater degree of liberality has been extended to the Madura Division than was absolutely required or which under the orders of Government would appear to be strictly authorized.

8 It must be borne in mind that in fixing the assessment reference was had both to the average produce and the average selling price of Grain, that it is not raised in a favorable season and cannot be expected therefore as a matter of right to be remitted in an unfavorable one, and the Government

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have laid it down that "the only limit to the demand is the inability of the Ryot to pay, and that this is to be inferred not from the state of a particular field but from the state of all the fields under cultivation and from a combined consideration of price and produce".

9 The extent to which the Nunjah produce suffered in the Madura Division, at least the extent to which remission was allowed is 96,160 or 40 per Cent upon the Gross Nunjah Beriz Rs 237,306 whilst the Gain by price is stated to have been 147 per Cent in cases therefore where there was a half or even one third Crop the gain by price was more than sufficient to make up the loss from deficiency of produce and no remission should have been allowed, but Mr Blackburne

[...]ll's report Para 3 -

Blackburne would appear to have granted
remission to all Ryots who suffered any
loss whatever in their Nunjah produce the
it will be observed he made no remission
for losses in Poonjah produce.

[illegible] The Board have been
led into these observations not with a
view of collecting the amount which
Mr Blackburne has in the exercise
of his discretion considered it expedient
to remit but in order that where remissions may be necessary for
the future they should be granted
on some fixed principle. The Govern:
ment in their order of 4th March
1825 have laid down general rules
on the subject and as far as cir-
cumstances permit it is the desire
of the Board that these should
be adhered to; cases will arise

when

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when a deviation may be necessary and these will form the subject of reference or special report.

11 The other items of remission do not call for particular remark. That allowed to the Ryots who exerted themselves in digging wells specially accorded under the permission of the Board and stated in Para 5 to have amounted to Rs 778-4, is probably included under some other head but should have appeared as a separate entry.

Proceedings 2 December 1836. Coll. Report.

12 The following comparative statement shews more exactly the difference

between

	Mahura		Dindigul		Total	
	Amount	Per Cent	Amount	Per Cent	Amount	Per Cent
Settlement of Fusly 1245	541107 6 3		494377 13 3		1035485 3 6	
Decrease in 1246 Fusly of Cultivation	65315 3 6	12? /16	117857 10 6	23 13/16	183152 14 -	17 11/16
Larger Remissions in 1246	93729 3 1	17 5/16	44248 12 -	8 13/16	137977 15 1	13 5/16
Total Deductions	159044 6 7	29 6/16	162086 6 6	32 13/16	321130 13 1	31
Remain	382062 15 8	7? /16	332291 6 9	67 3/16	714354 6 5	68 15/16
Add less deductions in the usual items of Remission	8493 5 3	1 9/16	18893 3 5	3 13/16	27376 8 8	2 10/16
Decrease in usual Charges of allowance to Zemindars Devastanum &ca.	1068 6 6	3½/16	5777 15 7	1 3/16	6846 6 1	10½/16
Total Settlement of 1246	391614 11 5	72 6/16	356961 9 9	72 3/16	748577 5 2	72 4/16

between the year under considera-
tion and the former one, with
reference

Gross Decrease — 321,130 13 …
Gross Increase — 31,222 12 …
Net Decrease — 286,907 14 …

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reference to the preceding remarks. It is probable that from the adventitious causes of increase operating in the former there would have been a

July 1236	—	1689527.
37	—	1594244.
38	—	1529966
39	—	1527918.
40	—	1591796.
41	—	1433014
42	—	1541253
43	—	1605212.
44	—	1638810.
45	—	1780790
Average	—	1589653
1246	—	1463883.
Decrease	—	125770.

= 7. 14 7 = 7. 911458.

Decrease in the latter tho' to a less amount under any circumstances and even if the season had proved as favorable as it was the reverse. Compared with the average of the last 10 Years it exhibits a decrease only of 7 9/11 per Cent which the Board consider to be in a great measure accounted for by the state of the season, and this result with reference to the details of management and the state of the Balance is deemed creditable

creditable to Mr Blackburne.

13 The total balance of

Land Revenue which was 353008 at the

end of the Fusly was reduced to 157031

-11-8 on the 30th April last which is due

entirely from the Estate of Shevagunga 154731-8-

taken under management for arrears on

12 May 1837. and from the Vadamadent

and Guntama Naiknoor Estates to which an

indulgent consideration was allowed

under the orders of Government of the 2d

August 1837 The whole of the demands

against the other Zemindars and against the Ryots have been fully

recovered, a small sum of 73-15-10 only

having been due by the latter at the

close of the Fusly which has since

been collected. It would appear from

the remarks appended to Columns 3 and

4 of the Statement in Para 6 of the

Sub Collector's report that a small

balance

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Ryotwar Settlement – 295 – 10 – 6 –
Deserted – 39 – 11 – 1

balance had been realized with un-
necessary rigor in Dindigul – Under
the circumstances stated by the Sub
Collector the Board conceive that
more consideration should have been
shewn and such part of the balance
as could not be collected without
recourse to distraint should have
been recommended to be written
off –

Old Balances. Para 13.

14 The only balances of old
date are found in the two Summaries
mentioned in the preceding para to
which the same remarks apply as for
the sums outstanding in the year under
review –

15 Besides these, Rs 295 – 7 – 3 are
due from the Ryotwar settlement of
1225 Fusly, of which 165 – 7 – 6 are for

Succes-sive

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Tuccaree and of the remainder 29 - 15 - 9 will be recovered. The rest 100 Rupees is due on account of some Cowle land kept waste from the inability of the Ryot to bring the whole extent of his obligation under tillage, and agreeably to the Principal Collectors request the Board will recommend it to be written off -

15 The Principal Collector again urges the propriety of equalizing the tax on cocoanut trees throughout the District. The question was fully gone into in the Board's Proceedings on the settlement of 1245 Fusly and in the reply of the Principal Collector to them under date 23d November 1836. The Board agree with the Principal Collector as to the inequality and in some cases excessive character

Tax on Cocoanut Trees.

Para 12-

Para 21-

Para 15-

of

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of the tax more particularly when it is compared with the same item in other Districts. Before however recommending an alteration the Board wish to be enabled to reply to the observation of Government in the Extract from the Minutes

[Ave]rage assessment on the Cocoanut Trees in

	Rs	A	P
Coimbatore (Caroor Taluk)	..	3	6
Trichinopoly	..	1	10
Tinnevelly	..	3	5
Ramnad Zemindary	..	2	..
South Arcot	..	1	9
Malabar per 2 Magazinnes	..	2	3/8
[B]ellary (amount newly proposed by the Pl Collr)	..	3	..
[M]adura at present	..	6	10
— as proposed by Pl Collector	..	3	5

From Government [2]8 November 1836 Para 8

of Consultation on their Proceedings on the settlement of last year, in which it is asked "whether the land on which the Cocoanut trees are grown in Madura is assessed as well as the Trees"? It would likewise be satisfactory to endeavour to obtain from local enquiry some explanation of the original cause of the inequality, for tho the records are silent on the subject, the information might be procured

procured from the Village accounts and the tradition of the Inhabitants. If the Principal Collector will submit this information at his earliest convenience the Board will be prepared to give it immediate attention.—

Ordered that a Copy of these Proceedings be submitted to Government and a transcript of the same be forwarded to the Principal Collector of Madura for his information and guidance.—

(Abm Extract)

Recd 2 July 38

[signature]
Acting Secretary.

Desp. 29 June 1838.
Comp. Shambert

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Revenue Department.

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Extract from a Despatch from the Hon'ble Court of Directors dated 16th May 1837.

Rev.

Settlement of Madura and Dindegul for fuslies 1242 and 1243.

Para 43. The settlement of fusly 1242 exceeded that of 1241 by Rs. 1,11,238, and in the following year there was a further increase of Rupees 60,959. The current balances due at the close of these fuslies were Rupees 1,33,663 and Rups. 46,068 respectively. We consider these results to be creditable to Mr. Wroughton and

		1242.	1243.
Fusly 1241	Rs. 14,33,014-12-5.		
" 1242	" 15,44,253- 8-3		
" 1243	" 16,05,212- 12-5		
Ryotwary Balance		Rs. 21,496-13-9.	Rs. 9,688-3-6
Peshcush Do.		" 1,12,166-3-10	" 36,380-4-1
		Rups. 1,33,663-1-7.	" 46,068-7-7

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"and Mr Blackburne, under whose
successive management the settle-
-ment of the two Pergunnahs was
conducted, particularly with refer-
-ence to the statement of the latter
gentleman in his report on Fusly
1243, that in effecting the increase
it had not been found necessary
"to sell the property of a single
"cultivator, or to commit a single
"individual to jail for default, neither
"had there been occasion for the
"dismissal of a single Tahseldar
"or the imposition of a fine on any
"one of them for the purpose of
"enforcing the collection of the current
revenue"

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"Revenue."

44 It does not appear necessary to add any observations to those of the Board of Revenue and of your Government on the Collector's proceedings in those Fisheries.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 25th June 1838

A Copy of Paras 43 and 44 of the Hon'ble Court's letter will be furnished to Mr. Wroughton and Mr. Blackburne for their information as directed by Government.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Acting Secy.

Desp 9 July 1838 – Comp Schambert

Recd 13 July 1838 [initials]

Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 28th June 1838.—

Read letter from the Principal Collector of Madura under date the 14th Instant, submitting his opinion on a claim preferred in Petition No. 384 of 1838.—

(Here Enter No. 64.—)

It would appear from the address adverted to in the foregoing communication that the duty of Natamgar in Hurdisnagarum was jointly performed by Petitioner's father and Kurreya Goundeu

subsequent

subsequent to the dismissal of the previous incumbent and that Eight Coolies of land were allotted to each of the hamlets established in Fusly 1224. The present Petitioner would seem to have preceded his father.—

2 — Although under these — circumstances it cannot be supposed that grounds exist for placing Petitioner in the exclusive possession of the official Maunium granted for the Natumgar of Hurdisnagarum, yet the Board consider it will be but just that the advantages derived from the office should be equally enjoyed by the two individuals through whom its duties are conducted.

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They desire therefore, before disposing of the Petition to be favored with any observations the Principal Collector may wish to offer on this point, and request Mr. Blackburne will state what credit is due to Petitioner's assertion regarding the separate allotment of 8 Coolies of land to each of the Hamlets in question.—

(A true Extract.)

[signature]

Actg Secretary.—

Recd. 2 July [illegible]

Desp. 29 June 1838.
Compd.
[signature]

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Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 2d July 1838.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated the 8th May 1838.

(Here Enter No 48)

The subsequent examination of the original document on which the claim in question mainly rests, would seem to have afforded sufficient grounds for the Principal Collector's revised decision in favor of Chinna Chocappahreeday, which the Board resolve to confirm. Under these

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these circumstances any further proceeding would appear to be unnecessary.–

(A true Extract)

Recd 9th July JB

[signature]
Acting Secretary.–

Desp 6 July 1838.
Comp. [signature]

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 9th July, 1838.

Read Petition No. 531 of 1838 presented by Palany Widow of the late Toty Parappen with a decision on her case passed by the Principal Collector of Madura.

(Here enter)

Para 1. The Meerassy adverted to in the Principal Collector's order submitted with the Petitioner's address would appear to have lately been in the enjoyment of Parappen who held it as remuneration for certain service which he was required to perform.

Parappen

2. Parappen, however, mortgaged the emoluments of the Meerassy in question to a relative, Sembutten, by whom they were transferred under a similar arrangement to Sadayun, and the last named individual has been directed by the Principal Collector's order to remain in the enjoyment thereof until Petitioner, Parappen's widow, has redeemed the mortgage by liquidation of the amount of debt due to Sadayun.

3. These emoluments having been originally granted for the purpose of maintaining the due efficiency of a Village Office, Parappen an hereditary incumbent would not seem to have been invested with

with more than a temporary interest which, as a matter of course, ceased on his demise. Although therefore Parappen might, previous to the Enactment of Regulation 6 of 1831, have been at liberty to transfer the Emoluments in question, as security for a loan or any other valuable consideration during his life time, the Board are disposed to think the agreement could not be deemed binding at any period subsequent to his death, when they should have reverted unincumbered to the next heir.

4. Under these circumstances the Board are of opinion that the share formerly enjoyed by Parappen should

should be placed in possession –
and registered in the name of his
rightful heir, who should be
looked to for the performance of
the duties annexed to the office
in question, the Mortgagee Sodayun
being at liberty to sue the res:
=ponsible parties for whatever
sums may be still due to him
under the arrangement entered into
with Sembutten :–

(A true Extract)

Recd 17 Aug J B

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Ag Secretary

Desp 14 July 1838
Comp. L Chambert

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 16th July 1838.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 3rd July 1838.

(Here enter No 74).

As it appears from the explanation furnished in the foregoing Communication that the maunium lands allotted for the remuneration of the Nattamakars of the villages in question, are now in the enjoyment of the individuals by whom the duties of the office are at present conducted

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conducted, no further proceedings would seem to be necessary and the application preferred by Varatarama Sheruagaren is accordingly rejected.

(A true Extract)

Recd 27th July 18

Acting Secretary

Desp 23rd July 1838.

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Revenue Department.

To

The Collector of

Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Circular orders dated 13th July 1826, to transmit for your information, an Extract from the Register of Petitions for the months of May and June last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

[signature]

Actg. Sub. Secretary.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
19 July 1838.

Desp 23 Do.
Recd 27th JB

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of May 1838.

No.	Name of the Petitioners.	Purport of the Petitions.	Orders of the Board.
384 of 1838	From Varatharama Shervagaren Nattamagar of Ponjamputty Village in the Talook of Tenkaza in the Zillah of Madura.	Request that some Punjah land may be granted to him for Nattamy duties performed.	The Principal Collector of Madu[illegible] will be pleased to take the claim[illegible] of Petitioner into consideration a[illegible] report thereon for the Board's in-formation. 17 May 1838.
428.	From Lutchme Ammall and her motherinlaw Soundry Ammall poor widows of Madura.	Praying for a pension of 5 Rupees on account of services of her late husband.	The Principal Collector of [illegible] Madura will be pleased to re[illegible] by endorsement on the subject[illegible] of this Petition. 17 May 1838.

165. From Dorasawmy Iyengar and others Mahajens of Kulloorauy subject to the Zemindary of Ramnad in the Zillah of Madura.	Complains that a false account has been made by the Perishear of certain waste lands in which have been included lands for which Petitioners already pay tax to Circar and praying an investigation.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to enquire into the circumstances stated in this Petition and pass such orders as may appear to be requi[red]
		17 May 1838.

Recd 27th July JB

(True Extract)

W. D. Mill[?]

Ag. Sub Secretary.

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Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of June 1838.

No.	Name of the Petitioner.	Purport of the Petition.	Order of the Board.
504 of 1838	From Abdulla Rowtan and Pacha Rowtan Moormen weavers by profession residing at Cusbah Camoody in the Zillah of Madura.	Complains that certain Toddy drawers have invaded their rights by causing a door to be built in a wall enclosing their land and thereby establishing a thoroughfare through it.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to report by endorsement on the subject of this Petition. 7 June 1838.

Recd. 27th July 1838

True Extract

W. D. [illegible]

Acting Sub Secretary

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Revenue Department

No. 1022

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 23rd July 1838.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

(Here enter 21st June 1838 No. 270.)

Para 1. The season of fusly 1246 is reported to have commenced favourably in the District of Madura, but to have been followed by a continued and total drought, the consequences of which were a large diminution in the extent of cultivation, an almost general deficiency of wet produce as well as a considerable failure in the

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Dry and the necessity of granting exten:
-sive remissions in the revenue for the
relief of the Cultivators.-

2 The total land revenue
of the District was settled for Fusly
1246 at Rupees 1463883 - 14 -, of which
Rupees 715306 - 8 - 10 composes the demand
on the settled and unsettled Zemindaries
and for Hill rent while the remainder
which is the revenue from the Ryotwar
mode of management and is the only
portion which fluctuates with the season,
was Rupees 748577 - 5 - 2, exhibiting on
a Comparison with the Ameany settle-
-ment of Fusly 1245, a deficiency of
Rupees 286907 - 14 - 4 or more than 27
per Cent. The Right Honorable the Governor
in Council is aware that the results
of the Land Revenue management of
Fusly

Fusly 1245 was extremely favorable and higher than that of any former year since the District came under the Company's rule, and should not be taken as the standard for comparison, but the Statement appended to Para 12 of the Board's Proceedings, shews that the total demand for Fusly 1246 falls with one exception, below the settlement of each of the last ten years commencing with Fusly 1236 and even below the average of these years in nearly 8 per Cent.

3 Of the demand of Rupees 1463883-14, the sum of Rupees 1208483-11-9 was collected within the year, and the balance of Rupees 255400-2-3 remaining at its close was reduced by the 30 April last to Rupees 157031-11-8 which sum was represented to be due entirely

entirely by the Zemindars of Shivagunga &c. Velacunden and Guntama Nuikroor, there being no balance whatever either against the remaining Zemindars or the Cultivators of the Aumany lands.

4 With these results and bearing in mind the peculiarly unfavorable nature of the season, The Right Honorable the Governor in Council cannot regard the management of the year as otherwise than satisfactory and creditable to Mr Blackburne's exertions.

5 From the observations of the Board of Revenue recorded in paras. 6 to 10 of their Proceedings, it would appear that remissions have been granted for withered crops to a larger extent than was called for by the circumstances of the season. Under the

Abstract

Abstract view given of the subject by the Board and in the absence of more detail-ed or definite information as to the principle upon which the remissions have been regulated, no other opinion can indeed be formed; but when the extreme adversity of the season is remem-bered, and His Lordship in Council has before him statements exhibiting the anxiety evinced by Mr. Blackburne for the welfare of the Inhabitants of his District, and his (it may be added) successful endeavours in afford-ing relief to a large portion of the community who were suffering from the Calamities of the season, as well as the care with which he has had ac-counts of the loss of produce prepared to satisfy himself of the extent of their distress

distress he feels persuaded, notwithstanding the seeming departure from the orders of Government of the 4th March 1825 that in the exercise of his discretion that officer has not in this respect lost sight of the Interests of either the Government or the cultivator and which in all well managed Districts are necessarily inseparable. It is however desirable to have more definite information in view to its being ascertained in what respects the orders abovementioned have, if at all, been deviated from, and His Lordship in Council would be happy to have before him Mr Blackburne's reply to the observations of the Board noticed above.

6. His Lordship in Council regrets to learn the proceedings of the

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Sub Collector reported in the concluding part of Para 13 of the Boards proceedings: and considers the measure resorted to by that Officer, in a season of such adversity as that now under notice, and under circumstances which by his own account must have appeared to him to call for indulgence, to be harsh in the extreme and to need explanation. It is not clearly understood whether the property stated to have been attached was subsequently sold or not or under what circumstances the balances were realized as they have been, when the parties by whom they were due are represented to have been "reduced to "a miserable and poor condition and "not able to pay the demands upon "them". It would be desirable to call

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for a detailed statement of the names of the parties against whom these proceedings were adopted, the amount of the demands against them, the portion liquidated, and the balance for which the property was attached, together with the particulars of the property seized and the manner in which it was eventually disposed of. It seems almost needless to repeat the observations made by Government on a recent occasion on the severity and impolicy of resorting to the process of sale for arrears but His Lordship in Council considers the present a proper opportunity for the Board to bring these sentiments to the notice and attention of the Sub Collector of Madura.

Para 6. Extract Min. of Revenue 12th March 18..

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7. The Right Honorable the Governor

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Governor in Council concurs in the ob-
-servations of the Board of Revenue re-
corded in para 3 of their proceedings,
and approves of the requisition on the
Principal Collector for further informa-
-tion on points connected with the a-
settlement. The taxation of Cocoanut
trees adverted to in para 18 is also
a subject of considerable importance
and on which His Lordship in Coun-
-cil would desire to have early in-
formation.—

8 Agreeably to the recom-
-mendation conveyed in para 15, the
Right Honorable the Governor in
Council grants authority for writing
off the sum of Rupees (100) one
hundred reported to be due on some
Cowle land left waste from the inability
of

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of the Ryot to bring the whole extent of his engagement under tillage—

(A true Extract)

(Signed) H. y Chamier
Chief Secretary

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 30th July 1838—

Ordered that a transcript of the foregoing Extract from the Minutes of Consultation be furnished to the Principal Collector of Madura with reference to the Board's Proceedings under date the 21st June on the settlement of the Land Revenue of that District for Fusly 1246.

It is proper to observe that Mr Blackburne's explanation of the

the 5th July on various points connected with these proceedings was submitted for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council under date the 19th Instant.

(True Extract)

A. W. Clark
Acting Secretary

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Revenue Department

No. 985 Re.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 16th July 1838.

Read the following letter from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

(Here Enter 25 June 1838 No. 277.)

Para 1 Under the circumstances detailed in the foregoing letter and in the communication from Mr. Blackburne which accompanied it, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is satisfied that Jogy Cowden has no valid title

title to the Zemindary of Keelacottah in the Madura District and resolves accordingly to reject his petition.

2 Adverting to the opinion expressed by the Principal Collector in the 8th para of his letter of the 31st May to the Board of Revenue the Right Honorable the Governor in Council considers that it is absolutely necessary that the record keeper should be a person in whose fidelity and honesty the Principal Collector can place entire reliance and therefore authorizes the dismissal of Mr Clarke in the manner recom-

-mended

recommended by Mr Blackburne.

3 In order to place it out of the power of parties to attempt similar frauds for the future, His Lordship in Council desires the Board of Revenue will, by a Circular, call in all the blank printed or other copies of the Istimirar Sunnuds with their Counterpart Muchilkas, which may remain in the Offices of the Several Collectors, in view to their being returned to the records of Government, and at the same time require a report to be submitted of the number received and the manner in which they were disposed of, and an explanation

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of any deficiency that may be found in the number remaining on hand.—

(A true Extract)

(Signed) H. Chamier
Chief Secy

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 9th August 1838.—

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Extract from the Minutes of Consultation be fur- 16th July 1838 nished to the Principal Collector of Madura for his information and guidance with reference to his letter of the 31st May last.

Under the authority of Government

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Government conveyed in these orders Mr Blackburne will be pleased to remove Mr Clarke from the Situation of Record keeper, and he will be pleased to return for deposit in the Government Office all the Blank printed or other copies of the Istimrar Sunnuds and their Counter part Moochilkas remaining undisposed of in his records.

(A true Extract)

Rec^d 19th Aug JB.

A Clark
Acting Secretary.

Desp 13 Augt 1838.
Comp^d
L Lambert

Read the following

Military Department.

No. 2175

Extract from a Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors dated 14th March 1838 No. 29.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation 22nd June 1838.

64. An arrangement made by Captain Butcher Deputy Assistant Commissary General at Trichinopoly for the employment of Military Pensioners in the Police Establishment at that station has been confirmed.

also

68. An arrangement made by the Superintendent of Pensions for

Para 40 We have already (Military Letter 20th April 1836 No. 29 para

Ordered that a copy of these Paragraphs be furnished to the Revenue and Judicial and Public Departments, also to the Military Auditor General and Superintendent of Pensions.

for the employ-ment of two Pensioners on the Establish-ment of his office, on a salary of Rups 4½ each per mensem in addition to their Pension has been confirmed - The continuance of this allow-ance has been sanctioned as a special case to one of the individuals and the salary of the other reduced pro-re-spectively -

para 21) approved of your proposition for employing Pensioners as Peons and in other offices in which they may be qualified and willing to serve, and we have also (Military Letter 20th December 1837 No 84 paras 8 to 10) called your attention to the experiment in progress in Bengal for employ-ing Pensioned Sepoys as Burkandauzes with such an addition to their Pensions as to make their allowances

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allowances equal to full pay.

41 We are glad to find from the Proceedings now communi=cated to us that it has been found practicable and advantageous to give employment of this kind in certain cases to Pensioners, and that in most of these cases the grant of the salary of the situation affords a fair remuneration for their services, the Pension merging in the salary. Whenever the pay of the employment is less than, or only equal to the stipend of the Pensioner, you will consider yourselves at liberty to give to him such portion of the

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pay in addition to his pension
as may suffice to induce him to
take the employment, provided
that in the aggregate his receipts
are not greater than the amount
of the full pay of the rank
in which he was pensioned.—

(True Extracts)

(Signed) S. W. Steel Lieut. C.

To the Revenue and
Judicial Departments

Secretary to Gov

No. 975

Ordered to be communicated to the Sudr and Foujdaree
Udalut and the Board of Revenue
respectively with reference to the
order of Government in this
Department

Department dated the 13th January 1835 No. 51 for their information and guidance and for the inform=ation and guidance of the Heads of Offices subordinate to them.

Fort St George, } (Signed) H. Chamier
10th July 1838. } Chief Secy

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 20th August 1838

Ordered to be commun=icated for the information and guidance of the several Collectors under this Presidency with reference to the Board's Circular letter dated 29th January 1835.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Acting Secy

Desp. 30th Augt 1838 Recd 4 Septr JB
Cmpd. [illegible]

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To Rev.

The Principal Collector of

Sir, Madura.

With reference to your letter of the 4th Ultimo, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acquaint you that Government under date the 14th Instant have been pleased to sanction the charge exhibited in the statement which accompanied your communication, amounting to Rupees 826..11, and incurred on account of the Ex Zemindar of Chocumputty.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your Most obedt. Servant.
[signature]
Acting Secretary

Rev. Board of Office,
Fort St. George,
23d August 1838.
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Recd. 4th Septr. [illegible]
Compd. [illegible]

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Circular

To

The Principal Collector of
Madura

Sir,

Para 1. With reference to the orders of Government com:
31st July 1838
:municated to you by the Board of Revenue on the 30th Ultimo, I have the honor to request information and your opinion on the following points—

1st. Do you consider the District under your charge in a declining or improving condition with respect to its Land Revenue &c.

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2.d What Trade is in-
-creasing and what is decreasing,
and to what extent?

3.d What manufactures
are improving and what are on
the decline?

4.t Is the price of Agri-
-cultural produce (of irrigated and
dry land) generally greater or less
than during the early period of
our administration?

5.t Are the profits of
Agriculture generally greater than
they were, in those lands where
the Revenue has been for some
time paid in Money, or is the
reverse the case?

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6th Is there generally an increase or decrease of Wet land Cultivation -

7th The same of dry land Cultivation?

8th The same of Garden land Cultivation?

9th Would a considerable outlay in the construction or improvement of works of irrigation be generally beneficial -

10th Is the Ryotwary or the Zemindary System of Revenue administration best suited to the circumstances of your District -

11th Is the price of labour and the expense of conveyance of goods (with reference to Grain or

or Money) greater or less at present than they were twenty or thirty years past?

12th Is landed property becoming more or less valuable and are transfers by sale more or less common?

13th Has the consumption of luxuries among the higher and middling classes increased or decreased, is the condition of the lower orders improved or not?

14th Is Money now more easily procurable on loan than formerly? Is the Bazar rate of Interest generally greater or less? What security was formerly

formerly preferred and what is preferred now?

15.th Is the trading part of the population of your District increasing or decreasing and to what extent?

16.th The same with respect to the Agricultural?

17.th Is the price of Gold and Silver (relatively with Grain or labour) greater or less now than in 1806 -

18.th What changes have taken place in the Currency of your District since our acqui-sition of the Country and what are the causes and results -

19.th What are in your opinion

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at present, the desiderata with respect to the currency -

2 Your replies to these questions accompanied by any comparative Statements you may think proper to forward together with the grounds of your opinion as to the causes of any alteration which may be observable will materially assist me in the performance of the duty entrusted to me, and will not, I trust, occupy more of your time than the subject deserves -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Fort St. George
28th August 1838
Recd 4 Septr. J.B.

C M Aston

Comptr. Lambert

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Re.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 3d. September 1838.

Read letter from the Principal Collector of Madura forwarding copies and translates of documents relative to the Chotrum village of Moolapaudy in his district

(Here enter 4th April)

As Rungasawmy Iyen, it is stated, will not consent to yield his private right to the Chuttrum in question, the condition on which the Board in the letter to the Principal Collector under date the 16th October last undertook

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to recommend his claims for an allowance to favorable consideration, there does not seem occasion to pass any further orders at present in his case.

(A true Extract)

Recd 9 Sept JB

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Acting Secy.

Desp 5th Sept 1838.
Compd
[illegible]

Re: Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 13th September 1838 -

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 13th July 1838 -

(Here Enter No. 1)

Para 1. In the Minutes of Consultation of the 19th March the Right Honorable the Governor in Council objected to the grant of certain new Maunium lands in Madura, on the ground that the total extent recommended to be granted exceeded in amount the grants usual to the same class of Officers in other parts of the District.

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Districts, and declined sanctioning them without further information both as to their necessity, and the principles on which the remun-eration was calculated.

2 The letter now under observation does not afford information on these points either so full or explicit as to enable the Board to submit the revised statement furnished by the Principal Collector for sanction. It is still observed that, with two exceptions, the remuneration accorded to the other Village servants exceeds the average of the charge on the same account in the Province of Madura. and it is desired that Mr Blackburne will

will furnish full explanation of the necessity of the grants and of the principles on which they are recommended, as called for by Government, in the body of his letter, to enable the Board to submit the Subject in a Satisfactory shape for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

(A true Extract)

J. W. [illegible]
Acting Secretary.

Recd 17th [illegible]

Desp 14th Sept 1838
Comp. [illegible]

Re.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 20th September, 1838.—

[margin: ..th July 1832.—]

Para 1. Read again letter from the Principal Collector of Madura enclosing the Statement called for in the 2nd Para of the Board's letter dated 4th June last, regarding the cultivation of Sugar Cane, and explaining that the fractional difference between the number of Fields under cultivation entered in the Statement now submitted, and in that which accompanied his letter of the 19th March, is attributable to the latter having been framed "on estimate", whereas the former is based on the actual Settlement of Fusly 1247.—

[margin: Statement B]

[margin: ..uble crop lands — 8 Villages; Single lands — 19]

2. This Statement shews that these lands are confined to twenty seven

Villages

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Villages in four Talooks. It is remarkable that in Tundiernboo Talook the whole of the land under Sugar Cane cultiva-tion is single Crop land, whilst in the Sempully Talook, it is entirely double Crop land. Again in the Tenkuray Talook, it is entirely single Crop land, with the exception of six fields, whilst in the Nellacotah Talook alone the proportions are more equal.—

3 It is presumed that the foregoing specification of the lands as regards their being classed as single or double Crop land is taken from the original Survey Accounts, without refer-ence to the actual cultivation of 1247, or to the high or low rates of assessment which they bear, and the following is the result of the application of the orders of Government on these Lands.—

Lands

	Lands assessed for two Crops		Lands assessed for one Crop		Total	
	No. of Villages	Amount	No. of Villages	Amount	No. of Villages	Amount
		Rs a p		Rs a p		Rs a p
…er Teerwa on land cultivated …th Sugar Cane	8	1808 10 5	19	852 5 7	27	2661 " 3
…nt of tax of cultivated … Paddy including an addi…l moiety of 50 per Cent …account of double Crop	8	1235 5 11	19	541 6 6	27	1776 12 5
Difference		573 4 6		310 15 1		884 3 7
Per Centage		31 11½		36 7½		33 3¾

4. The foregoing Statement shews a decrease of 31–11½ per Cent on the double Crop land, and a decrease of 36–7½ on the single Crop land, causing a Net decrease of taxation upon the total extent cultivated amounting to 33–3¾ per Cent on the introduction of the new rates allowing 50 per Cent of the original Teerwa or extra assessments for double Crop land.–

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5. But if the Extra assessment on account of double Crop Land be taken, as the Board conceive it ought to be, under existing circumstances, in conformity with the rate established by Mr Hurdis, Vizt 80 per Cent of the original, or single Crop assessment; the results are as shewn underneath.—

	Land assessed for two Crops		Land assessed for one Crop		Total	
	No of Villages	Amount	No of Villages	Amount	No of Villages	Amount
		Rs a p		Rs a p		Rs
Former Teerwa on Land cultivated with Sugar Cane	8	1808 10 5	19	852 5 7	27	2661
Paddy Teerwa with an addition of 80 per Cent on account of double Crop	8	1235 5 11	19	649 11 "	27	1885 "
Difference		573 4 6		202 10 7		775 1
Centage		31 1½		23 1½		29 2

The difference between the Net decrease of taxation in the latter instance, and that which is shewn in the preceding Para, is 4-1¾ per Cent. against the Sugar Cultivators, which will be taken into consideration in the future revision of the Dindigul assessment.

6 Conformably with the foregoing remarks the Principal Collector is requested to carry into effect the orders of Government as regards all land cultivated with Sugar Cane in Dindigul.-

(A true Extract)

[signature]

Acting Secretary.-

Recd 26th Sepr [initials]

Despd 22d Sepr 1838
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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 4th October 1838.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 30th August, 1838 -

(Here enter No. 2057)

Ordered that the following Indorsement be passed upon Petition 365 of 1838, and that the same be forwarded to the Principal Collector of Madura for delivery to the Petitioner -

"On reference to the "Principal Collector it has been "ascertained that the claims of "the Petitioner have been personally

inquired

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"enquired into and rejected, and
"the Board do not see occasion
"to disturb the arrangement sanc-
"tioned by the local authority."

(A true Extract)

Recd 11th Octr JB

G. Welch
A Secretary

Dept. 8th Octr 1838
Compd. [illegible]

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Revenue Department

To

The Collector of

Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue with reference to their Circular orders dated 13th July 1826, to transmit for your information, an Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Months of July & august last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

[signature]

Act. Sub Secretary.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St George,
4 October 1838

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Recd 12 JB

Compé Lambert

Madura.

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of July 1838.

No.	Names of the Petitioners.	Purport of the Petitions.	Orders of the Board.
260 of 1838	From Abbe Naick son of Chinnama Naick Nattamy Meerassidar of Pauray:putty subject to the Talook of Nuttum in the Zillah of Madura.	Requests that the Collector may be instructed to confirm the office of Nattawar on him to which he is en:titled by inheritance.	Referred to the Principal Collector of Madura who will be pleased to pass such orders in Petitioner's case as may seem requisite. 2d July 1838.
293.	From Areya Puttra Pillay cultiva:ting inhabitant of Caruppoo Putty subject to the Talook of Maudacoolum in the Zillah of Madura.	Complains that his offer to render certain jungle land arable has been refused. Prays as two of his people have fallen victims to wild beasts in the jungle he may be allowed to cut down the jungle.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to take such notice of this Petition as it may appear to deserve. 16 July 1838.

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365	From Cunnuppa Charry son of Moottoocaroopana Charry Ambala-gar of Timmapulty subject to the Talook of Tirpatoor in the Sevagunga zemindary in the Zillah of Madura.	Complains that the Ameenah has reported falsely on the usurpation of his Meerasy which the Collector refused to enquire into - Prays that an order for a personal enquiry may be given.	The Principal Collector will be pleased to report upon the subject of this Petition - 25 July 1838.

Recd 12 October 1838

(True Extract)

A. O. Tucker

Ag Sub Secretary.

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Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of August 1838.

No	Names of the Petitioners	Purport of the Petitions	Orders of the Board
429 of 1838	From Cooppah Sastry and others residing in the Cusbah Sevagungah subject to the Zemindary of Shevagungah in the Zillah of Madura.	Pray that their ready money Manniem from the Zemindary of Shevagungah may be continued to them it having been stopped from the attachment of the Zemindary.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to report by endorsement on the subject of this Petition. 13 August 1838.
371	From Aroomoogum and Mooltana Pillay Ambalagars of Poodooputty and Tumbyputty subject to the Talook of Tirpatoor in Shevagungay Zemindary in the Zillah of Madura.	State that the claim of one of the incumbents to the Ambala Meerasy of Tirpatoor has been disallowed by the Collector.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to report on the subject of this Petition. 20 August 1838

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416 - From Ramasawmy son of Cottuppen Shevagaren and others head inhabitants of Tripatoor Cusbah in the Talook of Tripatoor subject to Sevagungah Zemindary in the Zillah of Madura.	Asserting the right of Cunnapah Auchary to a share in the Ambala Meerassy of Tripatore further complaining of their having been deprived of their munjah lands.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to report on the subject of this Petition - 20 August 1838.
412 From Soobbah Reddy grand son of Chinnatomby Reddy Nattamlgar of Pasindy subject to the Talook of Pullemaudem in the Zemindary of Ramnad in the Zillah of Madura.	Complains that he has been deprived of his Meerassy office through the reversal of a decision formerly passed in his favor by the Principal Collector	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to report by endorsement on the subject of this Petition - 20 August 1838.
419. From Pareanon Chetty of Chithatoonyel Village attached to Koothakynaut Taulook in the Ramnad Zemindary in the	Claiming the tax upon certain trees in his Village.	The Principal Collector of Madura is requested to state by endorsement the nature of Petitioner's claims to the trees

Zillah of Madura.

alluded to in his address.

27 August 1838.

Recd 12th October 1838

(True Extract.)

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As Sub Secretary.

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To
The Principal Collector of
Madura

Sir,

Para 1.- With reference to my Letter to you dated 28th of August last, I have the honor to forward a Copy of one which I have addressed to the the Collector of Masulipatam in reply to the Answers which he has transmitted to me, and which explains more particularly the nature of the information required by my first communication.—

2.- I trust this will not give you much additional trouble or

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present your obliging me with

an early reply to my questions. –

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George

Sir,

5th October, 1838

Your Most Obedient Servant

Rec. 28th J.B.

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To,

The Collector in the

Zillah of

Masulipatam

Sir,

Para 1 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Instant with its enclosures.

2. As the information with which you have had the kindness to furnish me will be rendered more valuable by further detail I trust you will excuse my again

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troubling you on the subject.

3. With reference to my former letter to you in which I requested your replies might be accompanied by the "grounds of your opinion" and by "any statements which might confirm your views as to the causes of any observable difference," I shall be greatly obliged to you to supply the deficiency in this respect in the 1st 4th 6th 7th 8th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th answers which accompanied your letter.–

4 I trust this will not give you

you much additional trouble, as
you will of course furnish
me with such statements as can
be most readily formed and as
you can enter into as much or as
little detail as you think proper
in stating the grounds of your opinion.

3^d. If you will communicate
to me the "various reasons" alluded
to in your first reply together with
a few concise comparative State=
=ments shewing the peculiar descrip=
=tions of land and of landed
Tenures in which the greatest
increase or decrease of revenue has
occurred, I shall be materially

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assisted in my enquiries.—

6. More particular inform=
=ation respecting the comparative
expense of conveyance of Merchandize
now and in former times, and
the cause of any increase or
decrease in it, as well as in
the price of labour, will be valu=
=able.—

7. You will perhaps be
able to furnish me with official
Comparative statements of the
agricultural and Trading population
of your district now and at some
former period.—

8 With respect to
the Decrease in the value of
landed

landed property alluded to in your replies. I shall be glad to know to what extent and in what description of land and under what system of assessment that falling off appears to have taken place.—

9 The changes in the rates of Interest at which money has been or procurable at different periods may probably be shewn in statements. Correct information on this point may perhaps be obtained by a reference to Bonds or Deeds or to the original accounts of any Merchants or Shroffs who may be willing to allow an inspection of their Books.—

10 With respect to the Currency

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I did not sufficiently explain that I wished for information not only regarding the changes of the Coinage but also of the mode in which money transactions generally are conducted by the natives of your District amongst themselves, as well with their neighbours and with Foreign Traders. I shall be obliged to you to explain whether mercantile transactions are more or less extensively conducted on Credit and payments made by means of Houndees, now than formerly; whether the practice of transmitting Cash by Golahs or other bearers has increased or decreased and from what causes.—

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11 It is very desirable that the grounds of your opinion expressed in the 13th answer respecting the smaller consumption of luxuries amongst the higher classes of natives and the non-improvement in the condition of the lower classes should be stated.—

12 With respect to the im=provement of works of irrigation, I particularly wished to receive your opinion respecting the policy of any large and general outlay of public money throughout the Provinces in the construction of works_ wherever such may be admitted to be locally advan=tageous, as to the effects of the

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measure on the price of grain, on the profits of agriculture, on the value of landed property, and on the general condition of the Ryots of the Country, as well as on the revenues of Govern=ment. I beg now also to request your opinion respecting the effects of granting annual loans from the Government Treasuries to assist the Ryots in the season of Cultivation. Do you think it desirable that the amount of Tuccavy should be increased or decreased. Do you consider that the necessity for it in your District is now greater or less than it was in the earlier periods of our administration or at any later time.

(Signed) C. R. Cotton
(A true Copy)

Fort St. George
25th October 1838.
Recd 28th do.

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Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 25th October 1838

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 6th October 1838

Here enter No. 1

The Board regret that Mr. Blackburne should have thought it necessary to put questions of the nature of those contained in the enclosure submitted in his letter for the opinion of the Pundit of the Zillah Court. It seems to them that the execution of any public work involving

involving great public benefit
should be considered on its own
merits, and if its execution be
found to interfere with existing
private rights, means should
be taken to obviate the diffi-
culties by compromise, or by
such concessions to the Parties
whose interests would be
injuriously affected by the work,
as might satisfy their fair
claims. The Principal Collector
should be guided by these
considerations in recommending
the construction or repair of
any works of irrigation in
the Shevagunga Zemindary,
and should endeavour to
meet

meet, as far as practicable, the reasonable objections of any Parties to the undertaking.

(A true Extract)

Recd 2nd Novr J.B.

[signature]

Acting Secretary

Despd 30 Octr 1838.
Compd [signature]

Revenue Department

To

The Principal Collector of
Madura.

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Sir

Para 1. The Board of Revenue having had under their attention consideration your letters of the 15th and 21st November last, and 29th March, relative to the amount of Peshcush which it is proposed to fix on the Polliems of Edacotta and Mambaray on their restoration to the Poligars, in reply direct me to state that before submitting your recommendation for the orders of Government fixing the permanent demand on the former at Rupees 7,000, and on the latter Rupees 1,500. they

they would still desire to be fur-
-nished if practicable, with more
full and explicit information
than they now possess in regard
to the past and present resources
of these Estates.

2 As regards Cocacotta
a consideration of the Statement
shewing the amount of the annual
settlements effected therein for
the last eight years, shews that
its present condition is such as
would render it incapable of
discharging even the amount of
reduced Peshcush now proposed,
and at the same time afford the
Proprietor means of maintenance
and for the expenses of management,
and the Board would accordingly
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wish to be informed to what causes the depression, more parti-cularly of late years, is attribu-table, and whether they are of permanent or merely temporary operation.

3 The high amount of Collections from Fusly 1210 to 1214 has been accounted for by the Zemindar as occasioned from an influx of Ryots from Coimbatore, who returned to their homes when tranquillity was re-established but it is seen that, even after this had ceased to affect the Revenue of the Pollem, the Settlement of the Estate on an average has far exceeded the recent Collections. The Board request to be favored with your opinion on the causes

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of gradual continued declension of the Revenues of Ecca cotta, whether the diminution of Cultivation is attributable to the rates of assessment being too high, or to other peculiarities of Soil and Climate beyond the control of the Administrators of the Estate - It is wished to know what mode of settlement was formerly adopted by the Zemindar, and how it is now conducted since the Estate was assumed by the Officers of Government -

4 In Mr Viveash's letter of the 20th April 1833 it was proposed to fix the Peshcush in future at Rupees 7.491 - 4 - 10 per Annum, a sum stated to be the average Collections of 19 years, whereas

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this amount taken from the
Memorandum which accompanies
your letter of the 15th November
would give an actual average for
that period of Rupees 8149 per annum
and it is requested that an ex=
planation, if practicable, be
given of this discrepancy. It is
understood by the Board that the
Zemindar or his relatives cul=
tivate annually a considerable
extent of private lands, and it is
therefore desired to know whether
the demand on them has been
included in the Statement of
Settlement furnished with your
letter of the 15th November 1837.

5 If the average Collection
for the last few years be a fair
criterion of the value of the

Pollam

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Pollem the zemindar will clearly be unable to pay the Peshcush proposed to be assessed. If it be not a fair one it is requested you will report what is the estimated yearly value of the Estate, on what data the estimate is founded, and by what means the Poligar will be enabled to raise the revenues of the Pollem beyond their present amount.

6 The information now required is essentially necessary to enable the Board to give full effect to the benevolent wishes of the Home authorities to the family of the Poligar. and it is hoped accordingly, that you will be enabled to afford them

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a report sufficiently in detail as will lead to an early and satisfactory disposal of the case.

7 I am also desired to request you will be good enough to supply any information regarding Mambaray bearing on the same points as called for in reference to the Cocacotta Pollam.

Revd. Bd. Office
Fort St. George,
5th November, 1838

Desp. 7th Do.
Recd. 11th Do.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedt. Servant

[signature]
Acting Secretary

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 19th November 1838.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 6th November 1838.

(Here enter No. 1)

Before deciding on the claim of the Petitioner or on that of Vengorgrampillay whose title the Principal Collector thinks preferable to that of either the Petitioner or the present incumbent, the Board requests to be furnished, if forthcoming, with a statement of the grounds of the respective decisions of Messrs Wroughton

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and Lockhart –

(True Extract)

Recd 30th Novr /13

J. Clark
Acting Secretary –

Dated 27 Nov
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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 22d November 1838.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 7th November 1838.

(Here enter No. 121.)

The Board are not aware of any objection to the recognition of Ramasawmy Jothelnaicken, eldest son of the late proprietor, as successor to the Pollum of Jothelnaicknoor, and they authorize the Principal Collector to recognize him accordingly.

(A true Extract)

[signature]

A. Secretary

Despd 24 Nov
Recd 27 Nov J.B.

Comp. [signature]

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Revenue Department.

To

The Ptl COLLECTOR of

Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Circular orders dated 13th July 1826, to transmit for your information, an Extract from the Register of Petitions for the months of September & October last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
22d November 1838.

Despd. 29 Do.

Recd 2nd Decr

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Ag. Sub Secretary.

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Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of September 1838.

Nos.	Names of the Petitioners.	Purport of the Petitions.	Orders of the Board.
581 of 1838.	From Soobramaneya Pillay and others of Pullemaudoon subject to the Talook of Pullemaudoon in the Ramnad Zemindary in the Zillah of Madura.	Complain of excessive Teerwah by the manager of the Zemindary.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to enquire into Petitioner's complaint and pass such orders as may appear to him to be necessary. 3d September 1838.
626 "	From Gnane Gounden and others Nattamigars and cultivating inhabitants of Tundalay subject to the Talook of Maudacoolum in the Zillah of Madura.	Complain of annoyances received from the Curnum of the Village and pray for his dismissal.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to report upon the subject of this Petition. 20 September 1838.

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624 of 1838	From Aroolantha Pillay and others inhabitants of Ammaputty in the Zemindary of Cunnywaur subject to the Talook of Nelacottah in the Zillah of Madura.	Complain that certain others of the Village usurp the water used for the cultivation of their lands causing the failure of their crops. Bring to notice also the existence of robbers who deprive them of their cattle &c.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to enquire into the statements advanced in this Petition and pass such orders as may seem to him to be necessary. 20 September 1838.
720	From Poonacoodumbun and Raman Calady and their fellow inhabitants of Munjumputty in the Aroopoocottah Maugan in the Talook of Pullemaudom in the Zemindary of Ramnad in the Zillah of Madura.	Complain of an additional tax imposed by the Curnum although they derive no advantage from the Tank belonging to the Village.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to enquire into and dispose of the subject of this Petition. 27 September 1838.

Recd 2nd Decr J.B.

(True Extract)

H. C. Porter

No.	Names of the Petitioners.	Purport of the Petitions.	Orders of the Board.
446 of 1838	From Ramasawmy son of Cattuppen Shervagaren and others head inhabitants of Tirpatoor Cusbah in the Talook of Tirpatoor subject to Sevagunga Zemindary in the Zillah of Madura.	Asserting the right of Cunnapah Achary to a share in the Ambala Meerassy of Tirpatoor. further complaining of their having been deprived of their Nunjah lands.	Whatever claim may be advanced to a share in the Ambala Meerassy of Tiroopatore should be preferred by the claimant himself. No orders therefore will be passed by the Board of Revenue on this Petition. With respect to that part of it in which Petitioner complains of having been deprived of his Nunjah lands, the Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to enquire into the subject and pass such orders in the case as he may deem to be required. 4th October 1838.

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of October 1838.

No.	Names of the Petitioners	Purport of the Petitions	Orders of the Board.
[illegible] of [illegible]38	From Ramasawmy son of Cattuppen Shervagaren and others head inhabitants of Tirpatoor Cusbah in the Talook of Tirpatoor subject to Sevagunga Zemindary in the Zillah of Madura.	Asserting the right of Cunnapah Achary to a share in the Ambala Meerassy of Tirpatoor further complaining of their having been deprived of their Nunjah lands.	Whatever claim may be advanced to a share in the Ambala Meerassy of Tiroopatore should be preferred by the claimant himself. No orders therefore will be passed by the Board of Revenue on this Petition. With respect to that part of it in which Petitioner complains of having been deprived of his Nunjah lands, the Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to enquire into the subject and pass such orders in the case as he may deem to be required.

4 October 1838.

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Talook of Tirpatoor in Sevagungay Zemindary in the Zillah of Madura. Recd 2d Decr JB		Boards endorsement dated 3d September 1838 on Petition No. 563 of 1838. 18 October 1838. (True Extract) R. G. Parker Ag Sub Secretary.

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Revenue Department.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 29th November 1838.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 12th November 1838.

(Here Enter No.)

The object of the Board is simply to possess sufficient detailed information in regard to the present and past condition of the Estates of Edacotta and Naumbaray, as well as their future resources to enable them to place the proposed reduction of the permanent Peshcush before Government in

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in a satisfactory shape - If Mr Blackburne has the means at hand to furnish all the information called for without further delay they will be happy to receive it at once, but if he desires to visit the Polliems in person before furnishing his report, the Board will wait till this is done, as they observe that, even in this case, the Principal Collector's report will not be delayed beyond the beginning of February next. -

(A true Extract)

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Actg Secretary.

Desp 5 Decr 1838.

Compd. [signature]

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Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 17th December, 1838.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 3rd December, 1838.

(Here enter No. 130)

With reference to the Memo. enclosed in this letter, the Board of Revenue wish to be informed of the grounds of the dismissal of the Petitioner in Fusly 1238, and whether it is true, as asserted in the Petition that he was reinstated by order of the Board in the year 1830.

(A true Extract)

Acting Secretary

Despd 22nd Decr 1838.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 17th December 1838.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 3rd December 1838.

(Here enter No. 131)

The Board concur with Mr Blackburne, under the circumstances stated in the foregoing letter as well as in his letter of the 6th Ultimo, that the claim of the Petitioner is inadmissible, and accordingly resolve to reject it; Sengarayempullay son of Mootoopillay would appear to possess the strongest title to the office of Curnum, on the ground

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ground of hereditary right, and the Board will not object to his being placed in it instead of the present in-cumbent, provided on further enquiry the Principal Collector finds that his dismissal in Fusly 1242 was not owing to fraud or other misconduct rendering him unworthy of confidence.

(A true Extract)

A. Hutch[illegible]
Acting Secretary

Recd 26 Decr JB

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Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 24th December 1838

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 11th December 1838.

(Here Enter No. 134)

The Succession of Ramachendrapa Naicken to Canna Lucky Naiken Zemindar of Yamoohalapooram as the eldest son of the last incumbent, appears unobjectionable and being in accordance with the wishes of the Family is authorized by the Board.

(A true Extract)

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Acting Secretary

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